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Cynthia L. Johnson
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Financial Management Service
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RE: EFT Rule Comments

Dear Ms. Johnson:

We are a small manufacturing company located in a small town in Western Washington State. Recently, we were mandated by some of our government customers to receive payments electronically.

We have been using this system for a few months and these are our areas of concern.

1) Our primary bank is a small local bank and they are unable to provide the full information we need to identify the source of the payments we receive on their computer system. We have had to re-set up our account with a new recipient bank.

This causes increased work & expense to our company since we must transfer each payment from our new bank to our primary account where we have a long-established relationship.

2) The new bank is very efficient and all the information regarding payments is fine; however, our new bank has notified us they will begin charging \$3.00 per transaction, which amounted to a \$70.00 EDI service fee for us the first month.

Most of our business is done through sales to the Navy Ships, Exchanges, and US Coast Guard so soon we anticipate getting many more payment transactions.

We realize we have the option of having payment information sent to us by computer modem, but unfortunately, we have not been able to update our accounting computer equipment, and are unable to receive electronic data directly at this time.

These are my comments, that I hope you will consider when planning for future EFT Rules.

Sincerely yours,

Joan K. Rumrill

Accounting Manager

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ACCOUNT NUMBER 70322615

Thank you for selecting to have your EDI information included with your incoming ACH transactions faxed to you.

The fee for this service is \$3.00 per page. This fee will begin to be charged on November 1, 1997.

We hope that this service continues to meet your needs. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact me at (206)358-6308.

Sincerely,

Julie Wiley

Customer Support Manager

ACH Regional Processing Center